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Fieldwork continued across the state last week as favorable fall weather prevailed. A few farmers in northern counties were still harvesting corn last week but most others were finishing fall tillage and fertilizer applications. Conservation practices such as waterways and terraces were still being constructed as the dry weather has made it possible for this work to continue also. Concerns have been expressed in several areas that rains are needed before the ground freezes in order for livestock water supplies to be adequate this winter. Topsoil moisture conditions were rated four percent very short, 28 percent short, 66 percent adequate and two percent surplus. The winter wheat crop that was planted early is looking good but the later planted crop did not have warm enough temperatures to establish good growth before the winter weather arrived. Statewide the crop was rated 15 percent excellent, 46 percent good, 37 percent fair and two percent poor on December 1. Other activities last week included hauling grain, storing equipment and caring for livestock.

## Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
December 1				
Northwest	3	20	76	1
Northeast	-	48	52	-
West	13	46	41	-
Central	8	19	73	-
East	-	11	89	-
W Southwest	6	42	52	-
E Southeast	4	22	73	1
Southwest	2	17	68	13
Southeast	-	28	60	12
State	4	28	66	2

## Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
November 18 - December 1						
Northwest	30.7	34.2	-3.5	0.24	1.22	-0.98
Northeast	31.4	35.5	-4.0	0.48	1.38	-0.91
West	34.0	37.4	-3.3	0.09	1.32	-1.23
Central	33.5	37.2	-3.7	0.19	1.40	-1.21
East	33.9	37.4	-3.5	0.29	1.47	-1.18
W Southwest	36.1	39.6	-3.6	0.11	1.61	-1.50
E Southeast	36.5	40.6	-4.1	0.19	1.84	-1.66
Southwest	39.0	42.5	-3.5	0.10	2.12	-2.02
Southeast	39.3	43.1	-3.9	0.14	2.19	-2.05
State	34.7	38.4	-3.7	0.21	1.60	-1.39

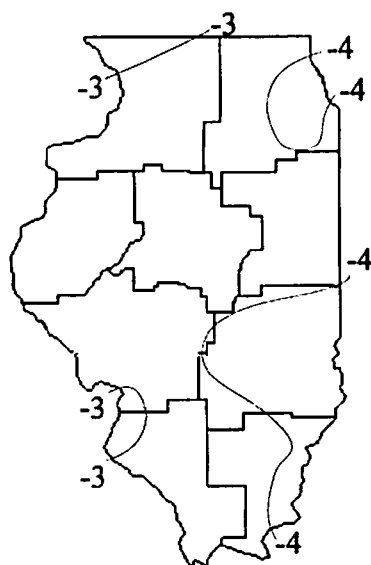
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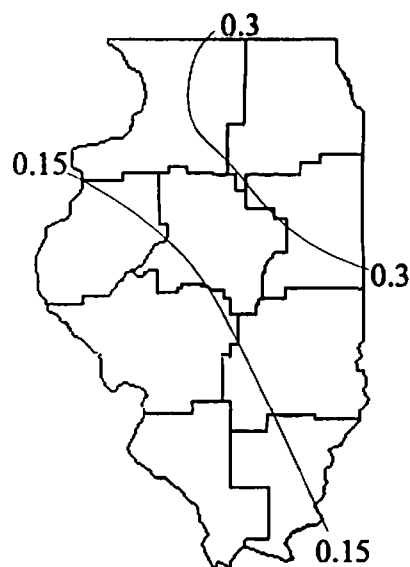
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
November 18 - December 1



Precipitation (in.) Total  
November 18 - December 1

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